



Sheila Marie McAvoy

August 13, 1967 - April 18, 2024

Sheila Marie McAvoy, age 56, of Albia, IA, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, IA.

Sheila was born on August 13, 1967, at the Webb Air Force Base in Big Springs, TX, to Lester and Ellen (Blex) Tenney. She grew up attending school and graduated from Derby High School in Derby, Kansas with the class of 1985. Sheila later attended Butler County Community College

Sheila was a homemaker, staying home to raise her sons. She also helped clean several churches and other locations. Sheila was very talented and enjoyed crafts such as ceramics, beadwork, and making jewelry and stained glass pieces. She was an excellent cook known for her homemade dumplings and eggrolls. Above all else, Sheila's family was everything to her and she cherished all the time spent with them, especially her children and grandchildren.

Sheila is survived by 3 sons, Steven Harjo, Zack McAvoy, and Jordon (Jessica) McAvoy; 5 grandchildren, Meko, Bane, Avery, Dean, and Jace; a sister, Leslie Tenney; a niece, Alyson Tenney; and a nephew, Austin Atkins. Sheila is also survived by several cousins and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Ellen Tenney; and her

grandparents, Straud and Lena Tenney and Marshall and Dorothy Blex.

Per Sheila's wishes, her body has been cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Cards of condolences/memorials can be sent to the family c/o Tharp Funeral Home, 116 Benton Ave. West, Albia, IA 52531.

Tribute Wall

GM

“ I just came upon Sheila's site and was intrigued. I'm terribly sorry for her loss. She seemed to have much to say of genuine value. Yours, George McCartney, film reviewer at Chronicles Magazine and retired professor emiritus from St. John's University. email: georgemccartney41@gmail.com

george mccartney - November 10, 2025 at 12:28 PM

CP

“ Cindy Putman lit a candle in memory of Sheila Marie McAvoy



Cindy Putman - April 27, 2024 at 03:42 PM

CP

I REALLY ENJOYED VISITING WITH SHEILA , AT THE GOLDEN AGE CARE CENTERVILLE, WHEN I'D OFFER PRAYER WITH SHEILA SHE'D SAY WE CAN ALL USE A LITTLE PRAYER , SHE LOVED HER KIDS AND GRANDKIDS , SO WE KEPT THE PRAYERS GOING, SHEILA TRUELY WAS A BEACON OF LIGHT TO ALL... A FRIEND TO MY MOM WHILE SHE WAS AT THE GOLDEN AGE UNTIL HER PASSING LAST FALL PRAYERS TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS GOD BLESS. CINDY PUTMAN

Cindy Putman - April 27, 2024 at 03:54 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss and will be praying for all the family. Sheila always cared for her family and loved them always. Shelley

Shelley - April 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BA

“ *Shelia and I found a friendship through a lot of BS, we kept in contact and even through contact by Jim Dunning, at the time Judy Dunning and her ex-husband. But through everything Sheila and I still had the connection of family, I loved watching her children and her grandchildren love her and make her smile. She was a very honest woman and friend and I'll miss her daily 🙌🥹* ”

Brenda Atkinson - April 22, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JC

Sheila and I were friends from the day we met. I loved being with her, watching her cook (amazing), and do her crafts. We spent lots of time together in the summers, canning our garden vegetables. I didn't see her much after I moved but kept in touch with facebook. I loved her like a sister. So very sorry for the family. Prayers and hugs.

Judy Carder - April 23, 2024 at 06:56 PM

AC

“ *When you were in for visits we would get grandma's radio and go out on the front porch and listen for our favorite songs. We would sing and dance.* ”

Angela Catlin(Tenney) - April 22, 2024 at 12:48 PM

DL

“ *Remembering when we first met her! Her 5th. birthday was spent in W.V. and we played games and had a birthday cake with ice cream! Mike and Sheila won the 3 legged race! Will always cherish the memories of her! ❤️🌹* ”

Donna Tenney Lewis - April 22, 2024 at 11:37 AM

DL

“ *Donna Tenney Lewis lit a candle in memory of
Sheila Marie McAvoy*



Donna Tenney Lewis - April 22, 2024 at 11:33 AM